

*Private Bills*

**Some hon. Members:** Question.

**Mr. Speaker:** All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

**Some hon. Members:** Yea.

**Mr. Speaker:** All those opposed to the motion please say nay.

**Some hon. Members:** Nay.

**Mr. Speaker:** In my opinion the nays have it. I declare the motion lost.

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**Mr. Howard:** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the house to consider doing something by consent? Because of the importance of the debate under government business relating to capital punishment and the desire of hon. members to have as much time as possible between now and eight o'clock, may I ask the concurrence of the house to adjourn upon the conclusion of consideration of Bill No. S-17 or at seven o'clock, whichever is the earlier?

• (6:20 p.m.)

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the suggestion of the hon. member that the house consider bills S-16 and S-17, and that following consideration of these two bills the house will, by consent, adjourn until eight o'clock?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**CABRI PIPE LINES LTD.**

**Mr. W. H. Jorgenson (Provencher)** moved the second reading of Bill No. S-16, to incorporate Cabri Pipe Lines Ltd.

He said: Mr. Speaker, this bill was considered by the Senate committee on transport and communications on June 30. Representatives of the company appeared before that committee to answer questions. What the bill proposes is a storage facility in connection with a gas distribution company. It will be located across the Alberta-Saskatchewan border. The distribution company is seeking permission to build a pipe line connecting producing wells with a dry hole located some distance from the Alberta border in Saskatchewan where gas will be stored.

Perhaps hon. members know that the demand for natural gas is high in the winter-time when production difficulties are extreme. Natural gas can be recovered at a much greater rate in the summer when the demand is low. As a result of the passage of

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this bill a pipe line will be built to carry the gas from the producing wells in the summer to a dry storage well. This will enable the company to recover gas at a maximum rate in the summer when the demand is low and store it in the dry well for consumption in the winter when the demand increases. In this way the gas supply can be evened out during the year.

This bill will enable the incorporation of a company which will construct this line. This construction also requires the authority of the National Energy Board, which decides in the final analysis the feasibility and economy of the project. It will also be subject to the regulations of similar boards in the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, both of which must regulate the rate of recovery, distribution and so on.

All the sponsors of the bill and all the shareholders are Canadian citizens. The company will be owned exclusively by Canadians and there is no thought in the minds of the officials that the shares will be offered to anyone else. The companies interested are all Canadian owned and engaged in the distribution of natural gas in the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, particularly in the vicinity of Lloydminster.

The passage of the bill will allow this company to put its operations on a more economical and efficient basis. Federal incorporation is necessary because the construction of this line will be interprovincial, running between the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. The powers requested are necessary in the event that further lines are required. If this is the case the company must again apply to the National Energy Board as well as to similar boards in the two provinces concerned. As hon. members perhaps already know, following the adoption of this bill an application will have to be made to the provincial boards and this bill itself will be referred to the committee, at which time hon. members will have an opportunity to question representatives from the company. I hope the bill will receive passage today in order that these representatives may appear before that committee to answer questions.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the standing committee on transport and communications.

**VAWN PIPE LINES LTD.**

**Mr. W. H. Jorgenson (Provencher)** moved the second reading of Bill No. S-17, to incorporate Vawn Pipe Lines Ltd.